MOTTO§ FOR EJECTION TO THE . NATIONAL SHAPING BOARJ)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTilY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRl RAJESH PILOT): Madam, I move:

"That jn pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1658 (44 of 1958), read with sub-rule 2 of rul$_e$ 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, I960, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one' member from among the members of the House to be a member of the National Shipping Board in the vacancy caused By the retirement of Shri Sukomal Sen from the membership of the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd April, 1988. "

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SPECIAL MENTIONS Short supply of foodgrains to West

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; We shall now take up special mentions. Yes, " Shri Sunil Basu Ray.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY (West Bengal): Madam, Deputy Chairjnap, I want to bring to the notice of this House great concern of the people . of WestBeingal regarding the supply of rice, Wheat and sugar by this Central Governnieht in the month of April 1988. A's it has come out in tire pre"ss, on the '21st April, " the Food 3nd Civil Supplies" Mirister, Shrt Ninjial Basu told- the West Bin-gal Assembly 'that Che Central GoV-ertnrrerrt hatf sent only 80" thousand metric ttriines «f Trice insteadr of the m fnoiwifhd'-metric" tonnes which is the usual quota' pet month. Again Instead of 66 rail rakes carrying food stocks to West Bengal only 16 take had been sent and only were carry ing rice and wheat. As a result different areas,. including the indus trial areas of Durgapur, Asanso] Cooch-Behar, Jalpaiguri, West Dinajpur, Darjeeling, Nadia, Bankura Beerbhum. Purulia wgre experiencing shortage 'of * wheat and sugaj quota. Sugar quota was also nol sent up to the mark. Seventeen rake$_s$ were to be sent to West Bengal But only 12 reached West Bengal uj t$_0$ the 19th April. Now Madam, '1 wish to draw your attention to thi newspaper reports which report thi statement made Dy the Food Ministei in the other House. It has come ou in the National Herald of today. The Food Minister has[1] said that Wes1 Bengal and Kerala are not off-takin| food as per the quota. The Centra Food Minister's statement is not correct. He should check it up with the West Bengal Government and ensure that full supplies are made to the State. ' Next, Madam, the Food Ministei should assure this House that Wes Bengal will not be deprived of it usual quota and whatever shortage are there, they will be sent to Wes' Bengal immediately. With these words, Madam, I conclude. Than! you.

Humiliating treatment meted out to an Indian journalist in Katni

श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, 25 अप्रैल के हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स में एक खबर छपी है उस खबर को पढ़ने के बाद कोई भी स्वाभिमानी भारतीय नहीं होगा जिसके हृदय पर चोट पहुंचे बिना रहेगी । भारत सरकार उसको किस रूप में लेती है, इसकी जानकारी अभी तक नहीं मिली है । आज से 6 दिन पहले काबुल में एक प्रेसकांफ्रेंस हुई जिसमें अमरीकन, रूसी और अफगान रूसी और अफगान के प्रतिनिधि थे । समाचार प्रसारण के लिए वहां दुनियां के अनेक देश के पत्रकार आमंत्रित थे । उस कांफ्रेंस में रशन ट्रूप्स की विजिट करने का कार्यक्रम बना । जब इंटरव्यू के साथ कुछ ऐसे-